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Opening of a Research section in Unani medicine in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras.

* 1421 *Q*.—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a Research section in Unani medicine in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras;

(*b*) whether any researches have been carried out in the Ayurveda section and if so, with what result; and

(*c*) the measures proposed to be taken for improving the Unani department?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Researches in Ayurveda have been carried out in the College of Indigenous Medicine. No preparations of ayurvedic medicine were analysed chemically, but single raw drugs like Rasna, Nimba and Kantakari were analysed with a view to find out the active principles. The analysis has yielded satisfactory result.

" (*c*) No measures for the improvement of the Unani department is under consideration of the Government at present."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Health aware of the fact that because of the apathy shown by this Government towards the indigenous system of medicine, many valuable Indian herbs are being taken away to America and they come back here as good and costly medicines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government are taking interest in the matter. They have started a research centre (for indigenous medicines) at Jamnagar."

Missing of National Savings Certificate in the office of the South Arcot District Board.

* 1422 *Q*.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Local Fund Auditor raised any audit objection regarding the missing of National Savings Certificate in the office of the South Arcot District Board during the years 1949 to 1952; and

(*b*) if so, what it was?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :— " (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The objection referred to the non-production of 12 National Savings Certificates to the value of Rs. 52,000 for physical verification."